



# Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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## SEMA Will Provide Enhanced E-Team To ALL EMDS

During a recent regionalization meeting, Homeland Security Coordinator Paul Fennwald, and SEMA Deputy Director Duane R. Nichols learned Southwest Missouri EMDS were about to purchase a resource management program. The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is in the process of acquiring an enhanced E-Team statewide license, which will give ALL Missouri EMDs, police, fire, and HSRT teams **FREE** access to E-Team for disaster incident response information sharing, as well as the ability to establish inventory and resource management capabilities. EMDs must have a computer, and Internet capability to access E-Team. SEMA will be providing regional training on E-Team. SEMA expects to have the statewide license in late summer or early fall.

## Missouri Tornado Disaster Assistance Exceeds \$9 Million

As of May 5, 2006, Missouri citizens have received over \$9 Million in federal recovery assistance from the Presidential Disaster Declarations from the recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding of March 8-13, 2006, and March 30- April 3, 2006.

- \$1,498,472 has been approved for Housing Assistance, including lodging expense reimbursement, repair assistance and temporary rental assistance.
- \$1,174,590 been approved for Other Needs Assistance which includes grants for personal property, vehicle losses, disaster related medical, dental and funeral expenses, moving and storage expenses as well as other expenses related to serious needs.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$6.5 million low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses.
- The deadline to register damages from the March 8-13, 2006 storms is 6 p.m. May 15, 2006.

A total of 3,584 Missourians have applied for disaster assistance under both of Missouri's current federal disaster declarations dated March 16, 2006, and April 5, 2006. More than 2315 individuals have visited Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened for Missouri residents who have applied for disaster assistance. DRCs are designed to provide applicants with an opportunity to discuss their needs with personnel from state, federal and voluntary organizations that can answer questions and provide recovery information about various programs available to individuals and business owners.

## Homeland Security Open Grants

By Debbie Rathert, Homeland Security Grants

FY 03 (Part II) Extensions end April 30, 2006. Each jurisdiction that still has that grant open must have all items invoiced to them prior to that date. A closeout report and final billings must be sent as quickly as possible and no later than June 15th. If there is an extension necessitated by delivery delays, please contact Tom Mohr (573-526-9245) if you haven't already. **This applies to open Interoperable Communications Grants as well.**

The FY 04 Extension ends May 31, 2006. Each jurisdiction that still has that grant open must have all items invoiced to them prior to that date. A closeout report and final billings must be sent as quickly as possible and no later than July 15th. If there is an extension necessitated by delivery delays, please

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## **Missouri's SB 1158 May be Costly for First Responders**

By Bob Dopp, MERC

This is a response issue that may be costly to first responders. SB 1158 - This act provides that an owner of anhydrous ammonia shall not be responsible for the cleanup costs associated with an anhydrous ammonia release caused by a person who illegally tampered with the owner's anhydrous ammonia. Here is the link: [http://www.senate.mo.gov/06info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=158049](http://www.senate.mo.gov/06info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=158049)

## **Upcoming Area Coordinator Meetings**

Here is a list of upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator meetings:

Area A:	10 a.m., June 1, 2006	Johnson County EOC, Warrensburg
Area G:	11:30 a.m., June 7, 2006	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs
Area F:	10:00 a.m., June 7, 2006,	Gasconade County Courthouse, Basement EOC

## **SEMA Spring Newsletters Posted on Homepage**

SEMA Spring Newsletter link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf>

Mitigation Spring Newsletter link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf>

MERC Spring Newsletter link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf>

## **Consider Taking One of These SEMA Classes...**

5/18/06	Decision Making & Problem Solving	SEOC, Jefferson City
5/23-24/06	Principles of Emergency Management	West Plains
6/1-2/06	Special Events Contingency Planning	Ozark/Springfield
6/8-9/06	Multi-Hazard Planning for Schools	Springfield
6/14-15/06	Developing & Managing Volunteers	Moberly
6/19-22/06	Explosion & Bombing Scene Investigation	Columbia
6/20-21/06	Special Events Contingency for Public Safety Agencies	St. Louis
6/20-22/06	CERT T-t-T	Columbia
6/21-22/06	Multi Hazard Planning for Schools	St. Louis Co. EMA
7/18-20/06	Emergency Planning	SEOC Jefferson City
8/1-3/06	EOC Management	SEOC Jefferson City
8/9-10/06	Mitigation Planning for Local Governments	SEOC Jefferson City

## **Health & Senior Services Sponsor June 7-8 Conference**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is sponsoring a "Reflections from the Past...Preparing for the Future," conference June 7-8 in Columbia. The conference will focus on emergency preparedness in Boston's medical community, an eyewitness account from a nurse in Jerusalem, medical and public health aspects of radiation accident in Goiania, Brazil. Breakout sessions will focus on sheltering, emergency medical services, chemical, radiological and dirty bomb threats. For more information or to register go to: [http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BT\\_Response/BTconferenceFlier06.pdf](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BT_Response/BTconferenceFlier06.pdf)

## **Health & Senior Services Sponsor Risk Communications Media Training**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MoDHSS) Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is hosting a series of seminars to increase the capacity of state and local public health agencies and communities to provide public information during a bio-terrorism or other public health threat. The Basic Class will be offered July 11-12 in Jefferson City. There are four advanced classes offered: June 20-21 in St. Louis, June 27-29 in Kansas City, July 18-19 in Springfield, and July 25-26 in Jefferson City. For more information or to register go to: [http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BT\\_Response/MediaTrainings2006.pdf](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BT_Response/MediaTrainings2006.pdf)

## **FEMA's Region VII Director Hainje Named to 2006 Storm Season Team**

The Department of Homeland Security announced today the unprecedented pre-designation of five teams that will coordinate the Federal government's role in support of state and local governments in preparing for, and responding to, major natural disasters this storm season. In total, 27 Federal officials have been appointed, each with unique expertise and considerable experience. Richard Hainje, FEMA Region VII Director will be the Deputy Principal Federal Officials for the Mid-Atlantic Region team. Primary responsibility for disaster response has always been at the local level.

"Designating these teams now will give state and local officials a chance to plan, train, and exercise with their Federal counterparts before a disaster strikes," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "It is imperative that officials at all levels of government, and able bodied citizens alike, understand emergency management roles and individual responsibilities going into this storm season."

## **Senate Grinding Toward Passage of \$109 Billion Supplemental** **Reprinted from Congressional Quarterly**

The Senate plowed ahead today on its fiscal 2006 emergency supplemental bill to fund the war in Iraq and Gulf Coast hurricane recovery, showing no inclination to trim the measure's nearly \$109 billion price tag despite a presidential veto threat.

By 53-46, the Senate adopted an amendment by Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. that would add \$289 million to reimburse any first-responders harmed by taking an experimental vaccine for pandemic flu.

By voice vote, senators adopted an amendment by Texas senators designed to ensure that each state affected by last year's devastating hurricanes receives at least 3.5 percent of the \$5.2 billion included in the bill for Community Development Block Grants, which provide housing aid. The administration had sought \$4.2 billion exclusively for Louisiana, but appropriators added another \$1 billion to allow assistance to other affected states.

## **TV "Bird Flu" Fictional Movie Set for May 9**

On Tuesday, May 9 at 8 p.m., the ABC television network will air a made-for-TV movie titled "Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America." The movie follows an outbreak of the H5N1 avian flu virus from its origins in a Hong Kong market through its mutation into a pandemic virus that becomes easily transmittable from human to human and spreads rapidly around the world. More information on the film can be found on the ABC-TV Website at: <http://abc.go.com/movies/birdflu.html>.

### **REMEMBER The following Facts:**

- The ABC Movie "Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America" is **a movie, not a documentary**. It is a work of **fiction designed to entertain** and not a factual accounting of a real world event.
- There is **no influenza pandemic in the world at this time**.
- Also, it is important to remember that H5N1 avian influenza is almost exclusively a disease of birds. The H5N1 virus has not yet appeared in the U.S.
- **Preparation - not panic**. There are steps individuals, families and communities can take to prepare. You can keep a supply of food and medicines on hand in case you have to stay home, you can practice good public health measures like frequent hand washing and staying home when sick. There is good in the **importance of planning** - individual and community planning and cooperation that will be so vital to sustaining communities and neighborhoods during an extended wave of an influenza pandemic. HHS has developed an extensive set of planning documents, including planning checklists for businesses, schools, health care providers, community organizations and states as well as an individual and family planning guide. All of these materials are available at [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov).